



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takeshi HASHIZUME

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/583,777

Examiner: B. TRAN

Filed: June 21, 2006

Docket No.: 128448

For: EXHAUST GAS CONTROL APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 5, 2007 Office Action, and further to the January 23, 2008 personal interview with Examiner Tran, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**